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REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN BID AND DT NEWS PROCLAIMING THAT DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS HAVE A 76% COLLEGE GRADUATION RATE, THERE WAS A NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY FROM CALSTATE FULLERTON THAT ONLY 22 % OF IT'S STUDENTS GRADUATE IN A 4 YR PERIOD.

BEING A GRAD FROM USC BUSINESS SCHOOL BACK IN THE 70'S I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ANY NEIGHBORHOOD HAD A 76% COLLEGE GRAD RATE. IT'S ABSURD AND JUST PLAIN STUPID TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT.

ALSO, IN TODAY'S LA TIMES THERE'S AN ARTICLE WHERE LA UNIFIED HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM IS CLAIMING A 80% GRAD RATE THIS YEAR. AGAIN, NO HARD STATISTICAL FACTS BACKING THIS UP. WORDS LIKE "GRAD RATE **COULD** RISE UP TO 80%" "THE SYSTEM **SEEMS** HEADED FOR A RECORD RATE." RED FLAGS EVERYWHERE.